(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) The Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) in March, 1990, forwarded a copy of the Feasibility Report to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for setting up a 100 MW Diesel Power Station near Renigunta. The proposal would be techno-economically appraised in the CEA after the APSEB has tied up various inputs/clearances, such as fuel linkage, clearances from the Ministry of Environment and Forests, State Pollution Control Board, Civil Aviation, compliance of Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, etc.

Prior Approval for Incorporation of a Company

1978. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Company Affairs has recently issued a clarification stating that a mere incorporation of the company amounts to establishment of a company and as such prior approval of Government must be obtained by the person or the authority incorporating such a company; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per section 22 read with section 2(v) of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969, incorporation of a new company amounts to establishment of a new undertaking and requires prior approval under section 22 of the Act. Certain instances of violation of this provision have come to the notice of the Government. In order to explain these provisions of the Act to the trade so as to remove any doubt, it was felt desirable to issue a clarification.

Cancer Patients in India

1979. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has recently been an increase in the incidence of cancer in the State of Orissa and in some other parts of eastern India;

(b) if so, what is the estimated number of cancer patients now under treatment in various Cancer Centres in Orissa and number of deaths which occurred due to said disease during the last three years;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to check the disease;

(d) whether any survey was conducted to identify the number of cancer patients in different parts of the country; and

(e) if so, what is the number of such patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) The State-wise number of cancer patients in the country is not available.

(c) The Government has recognised 10 Regional Cancer Research & Treatment Centres located at Delhi, Bangalore, Gwalior, Ahmedabad, Madras, Trivandrum, Cuttack, Guwahati, Calcutta and Bombay. These Centres provide modern facilities for detection and treatment of cancer. In addition, a number of hospitals/medical colleges and voluntary institutions in different parts of the country provide facilities for detection and treatment of cancer. Further, various health education measures are being taken to educate the people to create awareness amongst them about the likely causes of cancer and the need for early detection.

(d) and (e) The Indian Council of Medical Research has been conducting survey of cancer patients in selected hospitals under their National Cancer Registry Project since 1981-82. It is estimated that there are about 1.5 to 2 million cancer patients in the country and about half a million new cases occur every year.

Manpower rendered surplus in CIL

1980. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total manpower employed in Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries as on 31st December, 1989, subsidiary-wise;

(b) what are the details of the manpower rendered surplus during the last three years upto 31st December, 1989;

(c) how many of the surplus manpower has been re-deployed during the above period;

(d) what are the details of the vacancies as on 31st December, 1989 in CIL and its subsidiaries; and

(e) how many workmen have gone on voluntary retirement during the last three years upto the 31st December, 1989; what were the terms and conditions for such retirement; how many retired workmen have been thus benefited and what effect it had on the cost of production per tonne of coal?

THE MINISTER OF PETORLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The total manpower employed in Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries as on 31.12.89, subsidiary wise is detailed below:

Name of the Coal Company		Manpower as on 31.12.89
Eastern Coalfields Limited	..	179797
Bharat Coking Coal Limited	..	167293
Central Coalfields Limited	..	101328
Western Coalfields Limited	..	81887
South Eastern Coalfields Limited	..	110953
Northern Coalfields Limited	..	13613
North Eastern Coalfields Limited	..	5361
Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd.		4208
Damkuni Coal Complex		583
Coal India Limited (HQ)	..	1477
	Total:	666500

(b) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Termination of services of commission agents by Peerless General Finance Company Limited

1981. SHRI T.R. BALU:
SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per MRTP Act there is no bar for the employees of any company, who are commission agents for that company, to work as commission agents for any other company simultaneously;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that the Peerless General Finance Company Ltd. has recently terminated the services of some of their agents on the ground that they have worked for some other company also and as a result thereof, these workers are not being given jobs in other companies; and

(c) if so, what action government proposes to take to safeguard the interests of the commission agents whose services have been terminated by Peerless General Finance Company Ltd?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The question